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The Honorable Amy J. Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Tillis  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Klobuchar and Tillis,


I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, S. 963, the "Fair Licensing Access for Government (FLAG) Act."

Local communities and individual police departments around the country take pride in where they live and who they protect. Your legislation would allow individual departments to patent, protect and copyright, for commercial use: flags, badges and patches. These insignias are a symbol for law enforcement agencies around the country and should rightfully be used to celebrate their communities.

Current law prohibits the registration of local insignias, but your bill provides a simple solution to allow them to register and protect them. We thank you both for standing with local communities and departments around the country who want nothing more than to demonstrate their pride in their communities. We believe this to be a cornerstone of community-oriented policing because it brings people together under a common symbol.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for introducing this legislation. If I can be of any additional help to you, please feel free to contact me or my Executive Director, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President

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